

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Claims 3, 7, 8, 10, and 16 remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 11-15, and 17 have been canceled.

Specification

In the Office Action, the abstract of the disclosure was objected to because of language such as "The present invention provides," line 2 and "of the invention" line 7. The Abstract has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC 103

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Lemelson et al. Since claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 11, 14-15, and 17 have been canceled the rejection of these claims is now moot. Although counsel for assignee does not agree that claims 3, 7-10, and 16 are obvious under Lemelson, claims 3, 7-10, and 16 have been amended to *further* distinguish them from Lemelson. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification including page 11 line 25 through page 12 line 2 of the originally filed specification. In light of this amendment counsel believes that claims 3, 7-10, and 16 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC 102

In the Office Action, claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Lemelson, Lee et al, or Lauterbach et al. Since claims 12 and 13 have been canceled, this rejection is now moot.

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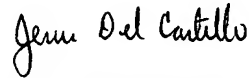
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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